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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

Beloved Disciples of Christ,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

### *“Love Brings Joy and Peace”*

Jesus taught His disciples always to draw their hearts and minds to His commands. As witnessed by His way of life and love, He set a model for all those who would follow Him to live the same. Throughout Jesus’ ministry, He stressed the word LOVE. He did not only say this but manifested it in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. The way how He endured all the pain, scourged, crowned with thorns, and carried the heavy cross to Calvary to be crucified were all His ways of showing the greatness of His love. A Love that no other human beings can follow but only can strive to do so. He always drew His strength from His Father, with whom He experienced such great love. And that Jesus shared this love with His disciples. For His disciples to have this kind of love, He said, *“Remain in my love.”*

Jesus’ words were not only meant for His disciples then. They are meant for us now. He commands us to remain in His love, a love that has the power to transform our lives, our families, our communities, and our world. The Son of God came into the world to lead us back to God's goodness, to love itself. But not the sentimental kind of love. It is a love that calls for commitment and adherence to His ways and commands.

The Easter season is a time given to each of us to rekindle the spark of love that Jesus has for us. His love brings peace, joy, and goodness. His love gives life and hope. Thus, He is saying now to us, *“REMAIN IN MY LOVE.”*

Jesus’ teachings on love are central to His message and are found throughout the Sacred Scriptures. One of the key elements in His teachings on love is that love drives one to action. When we remain in Jesus’ love, it moves us to care for the needy, the sick, and the marginalized, and it requires action and commitment. In doing so, love becomes the mark of true discipleship in ways that Jesus showed how and what it means to love.

Your friend in Jesus,

Fr. Pascual